

# **FINAL AGENDA**

## **Joint Committee Workshop on Removal of Transmission Barriers for Renewables and Examination of Transmission Corridor Initiatives**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Hearing Room A**

Times on Agenda are Approximate

- I. 9:30 am: **Opening Remarks (Commissioners)**
- II. 9:45 am: **Staff Presentation (Chuck Najarian)**
- III. 9:50 am: **Removing Transmission System Planning, Permitting and Siting Barriers**
  - An opportunity to facilitate transmission planning with stakeholder planning groups: Where we have been, and where we go from here - Rich Ferguson and Dave Olsen (CEERT)
  - A description of the process used to develop the CAISO's Southern California Regional Transmission Plan in the context of RPS goals [CSRTP 2006] - (CAISO).
  - An opportunity to facilitate renewable transmission permitting and siting using stakeholder oriented, web-based transmission line siting tools: PACT "Planning Alternative Corridors for Transmission Lines" - Linda Spiegel (CEC).
  - A discussion of how the CPUC's transmission permitting process can benefit from improvements in planning and corridor designation - (All parties)
- IV. 10:45 am: **Removing Transmission System Integration Barriers**
  - A status report on the Energy Commission's CERTS transmission integration issues contract: Technical solutions and policy options to address renewables integration issues - Joe Eto (CERTS/LBNL).
- V. 11:10 am: **Addressing Regulatory Barriers**
  - An articulation of network benefits of renewables: A summary of previous work, ideas for new work efforts, and nexus with transmission financing - Mohamed El-Gassier (Rumla).

- An update on the FERC filing for a 3rd category of transmission projects - (CAISO)

VI. 11:45 am: **Addressing Federal and State Corridor Initiatives**

- An overview of the EPA Act Section 368 PEIS Project and the Federal corridors proposed for designation - Scott Powers (BLM National Team)
- A discussion on how Federal and State corridor efforts can work together to help facilitate orderly renewable development - Duane Marti (BLM CA)
- Summary of transmission-owning Load Serving Entity (TLSE) Corridor Responses to Forms and Instructions - Judy Grau (CEC)

--- LUNCH BREAK ---

12:30-1:30 pm

VII. 1:30 pm: **Removing barriers to new transmission infrastructure needed to meet long-term RPS goals (33% by 2020) - Panel**

- IOUs:
  - Tom Burhenn, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, SCE
  - Dave Geier, VP Electric Transmission and Distribution, SDG&E
  - Dede Hapner, VP FERC and CAISO Relations, PG&E
- POUs:
  - Randy Howard, Assistant Chief Operating Officer- Power Systems, LADWP
  - Juan Sandoval, Assistant Manager of Transmission, Planning, Engineering, and Telecommunications, IID
  - Vicken Kasarjian, Manager, System Operations and Reliability, SMUD
  - Tony Braun, Counsel to CMUA
- Developers:
  - Greg Blue, Policy Director, enXco Development Corp
  - Vince Signorotti, VP Real Estate Assets and Community Relations, CalEnergy Operating Corporation (Mid-American)
  - Rainer Aringhoff, General Manager, Solar Millennium
  - Steven Kelly, Director of Policy, Independent Energy Producers (IEP)
  - Hal Romanowitz, President and Chief Operating Officer, Oak Creek Energy Systems

- Agencies:
  - Duane Marti, Realty Specialist, BLM
  - Invited, CAISO
  - Lorelei Oviatt, County Planning Division Chief, Kern County
  - Jim Squire, Supervising Planner for Advanced Planning Division, San Bernardino County

Panel Questions:

1. Facilitating Removal of Renewable Transmission Barriers is critical to meeting RPS Goals. What are the most critical barriers to renewable transmission development and what actions can the state and other stakeholders take to help overcome renewable transmission barriers?
2. The challenge for California is developing non-fossil fuel resources quickly enough to meet RPS Goals. In an effort to facilitate progress, would it be helpful for the state in collaboration with stakeholders to identify a) preferred renewable resource areas identified from an interconnection and environmental permitting perspective, b) preferred system interconnection points on the grid in collaboration with transmission owners, load-serving entities, control area operators, and the CAISO for identified preferred resource areas, and c) designate corridors linking the preferred resource areas with preferred system interconnection points on the grid.

VIII. 3:00 pm: **Public Comments**

IX. 3:30 pm: **Closing Remarks**